(e) The Societies have to get the building plans approved before taking up construction. During construction Form 'C' and form 'D' relating to the approval of sanitary system have to be further approved by the Building Department of D.D.A. Therefore, Society has to apply to concerned Executive Engineer for sewerage connections along with the following:

(i) copies of Form 'C' and Form 'D';

(ii) an undertaking by the Society that the work will be carried out as per the approval of D.D.A.; and

(iii) deposit a security of Rs. 5,000/- (refundable after the satisfactory completion of the work).

(iv) payment of road restoration charges, if any.

(f) The sewer connection permission can be given by the D.D.A. as and when the Society makes an application in the prescribed manner.

Water Supply in DIZ Area

1717. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water supplied by the NDMC in Block Nos. 68 to 69 in Section-4 of DIZ Areas is salty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the residents of this area have to fetch drinking water from the taps installed in far away parks; and

(c) if so, whether CPWD would provide some taps from the NDMC supply line in the parks near the above blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The water supply by the NDMC is not salty. However, since the water supply by the NDMC is not sufficient to meet the requirement of the residents of the area, the same is supplemented by the CPWD with water from 3 tubewells. The water drawn from one of the tubewells is slightly salty. However the quality of the mixed water which is being supplied has been tested and found to be fit for drinking purpose.

(b) At times, to meet the additional requirement of water, the residents have to fetch water from public hydrants provided by the NDMC in the four-storeyed blocks nearby.

(c) No request has been received by the CPWD from the allottees for providing public hydrants in blocks 68-69.

Housing and Water Supply Agencies in the country

1718. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Government or Government sponsored agencies to look after the problems of drinking water and housing in various towns and cities of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) At the State Government level schemes for providing drinking water and housing in various towns and cities are being implemented by the urban local bodies, Public Health Engineering Department, Statutory Boards and State Public agencies set up for this purpose. At the national level institutional finance is provided by Housing and Urban Development Corporation, National Housing Bank, Life Insurance Corporation, General Insurance Corporation and Unit Trust of India.

Promotion of Tindharia Railway Workshop, Darjeeling

1719. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations regarding the extension and rejuvenation of Tindharia Railway Workshop in Darjeeling for promotion of Darjeeling Himalayan Rail; and